

Preliminary data: Early childhood education and care in Canada 2014 ^[1]



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The Childcare Resource and Research Unit's (CRRU) new report, *Preliminary data: Early childhood education and care in Canada 2014*, is the first part of its 10th compilation of Canada-wide data on child care and related early childhood programs. It considers child care space provision, budget allocations, and service delivery information in the 2012-2014 period, comparing it to previous years. The report is based on current data provided by provincial/territorial ECEC officials, Statistics Canada and other current data and research, and CRRU's longitudinal ECEC in Canada series. CRRU's *ECEC in Canada* reports have been published about every two years since 1992. They allow both cross-Canada and longitudinal tracking of ECEC programs and policy, as a consistent approach has been used to ensure data comparability.

Among other information, the data in ECEC 2014 show that:

- There were 1,201,377 regulated child care spaces for 0-12 year olds in Canada in 2014, an increase of 213,166 spaces since 2012.
- Of these spaces, 543,161 were centre-based for 0-5 year olds (full and part day), an increase of 39,932 since 2012.
- Thus, there were enough regulated spaces to "cover" 24.1% of 0-5 year olds in centres in 2014, compared to 22.5% in 2012.
- Canada-wide, there were 4,815,600 children 0-12 years of whom 2,256,600 were 0-5 years old.
- The employment rate of mothers with children aged 0-2 was 70%, 77% for those with 3 - 5 year olds and 82% for mothers with 6 - 15 year olds.
- Total budget allocations for child care in Canada (provinces/territories total) were \$4,273,366,946. This represents an increase of \$602,696,961 from 2012 (unadjusted dollars).
- 2014 median infant full-time monthly parent fees in Canada's largest cities ranged from \$152 in Quebec cities to \$1,676 in Toronto (toddler fees were \$152 in all Quebec cities to \$1,324 in Toronto and fees for preschoolers ranged from \$152 in Quebec to \$998 in Toronto).
- Eight provinces/territories now provide full day kindergarten programs for all five year olds; Ontario offers full-day kindergarten for all four year olds as well.
- 30% of centre-based child care spaces Canada-wide were for-profit, a slight increase (less than 1%) from 2012.

A full version of *Early childhood education and care in Canada 2014*, including further information on other aspects of ECEC in Canada, is expected to be available late in the fall of 2015.

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